

State of Alaska
FY2010 Governor's Operating Budget

Department of Health and Social Services
General Relief Assistance
Component Budget Summary

Component: General Relief Assistance

Contribution to Department's Mission

Provides a safety net for very low-income individuals who are not eligible for other state or federal assistance. General Relief Assistance is used as a last resort program to meet emergency food, clothing, shelter, and burial needs of low income Alaskans, who have no other resources available. It is the bottom tier in Alaska's welfare system.

Core Services

- General Relief Assistance primarily provides for indigent burials. A small portion is also used to meet emergency needs for food, clothing, and shelter.

FY2010 Resources Allocated to Achieve Results

FY2010 Component Budget: \$1,555,400	Personnel:	
	Full time	0
	Part time	0
	Total	0

Key Component Challenges

- Continue to serve individuals and families that represent one of Alaska's most needy and vulnerable populations. They are often marginal members of the community and may have a variety of significant barriers that preclude employment and successful participation in mainstream society.
- Implement the new Resource Rebate Hold Harmless Program authorized under Chapter No. 2, 4 SSLA 2008 (SB 4002) and provide hold harmless benefits to certain veterans who have their needs-based veterans benefits reduced due to receipt of the 2008 Resource Rebate payment.

Significant Changes in Results to be Delivered in FY2010

No significant changes in results to be delivered.

Major Component Accomplishments in 2008

- Provided vendor payments for funeral and burial expenses for approximately 600 deceased indigents.
- Prevented the eviction and homelessness of approximately 60 individuals and families each month.

Statutory and Regulatory Authority

AS 47.25.120-300 General Relief Assistance
 7 AAC 47.020-290 General Relief Assistance
 Chapter No. 2, 4 SSLA 2008 (SB4002)

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**General Relief Assistance
Component Financial Summary**

All dollars shown in thousands

	FY2008 Actuals	FY2009 Management Plan	FY2010 Governor
Formula Program:			
Component Expenditures:			
71000 Personal Services	385.1	76.4	0.0
72000 Travel	11.5	10.0	0.0
73000 Services	92.7	49.5	0.0
74000 Commodities	57.0	20.3	0.0
75000 Capital Outlay	0.0	0.0	0.0
77000 Grants, Benefits	16,660.9	2,837.7	1,555.4
78000 Miscellaneous	0.0	0.0	0.0
Expenditure Totals	17,207.2	2,993.9	1,555.4
Funding Sources:			
1004 General Fund Receipts	17,207.2	2,993.9	1,555.4
Funding Totals	17,207.2	2,993.9	1,555.4

**Summary of Component Budget Changes
From FY2009 Management Plan to FY2010 Governor**

All dollars shown in thousands

	<u>General Funds</u>	<u>Federal Funds</u>	<u>Other Funds</u>	<u>Total Funds</u>
FY2009 Management Plan	2,993.9	0.0	0.0	2,993.9
Adjustments which will continue current level of service:				
-Reverse FY09 Special Session funding for Resource Rebate (HB 4001) CH 1, 4SSSLA 2008, Sec 3 (P2, L6)	-1,438.5	0.0	0.0	-1,438.5
-Reverse FY09 Salary Increase for Special Session funding for Resource Rebate (HB 4001) CH 1, 4SSSLA 2008, Sec 3 (P2, L6)	-1.9	0.0	0.0	-1.9
-FY2010 Wage and Health Insurance Increases for Bargaining Units with Existing Agreements	1.9	0.0	0.0	1.9
FY2010 Governor	1,555.4	0.0	0.0	1,555.4

**General Relief Assistance
Personal Services Information**

Authorized Positions			Personal Services Costs	
	FY2009 Management Plan	FY2010 Governor		
Full-time	0	0	Annual Salaries	0
Part-time	0	0	Premium Pay	0
Nonpermanent	2	0	Annual Benefits	0
			<i>Less 0.00% Vacancy Factor</i>	(0)
			Lump Sum Premium Pay	0
Totals	2	0	Total Personal Services	0

Position Classification Summary

Job Class Title	Anchorage	Fairbanks	Juneau	Others	Total
No personal services.					
Totals	0	0	0	0	0